Japanese Encephalitis in Andhra Pradesh

1988. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Japanese Encephalitis this year in the State of Andhra Pradesh which is quite prone to this dreaded disease;

(b) whether endemic districts of this disease have been identified in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by Government in these districts in particular and the State as a whole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No incidence of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) has been reported from the State of Andhra Pradesh, during the current year (upto June, 2002).

(b) and (c) Out of total 23 districts, 16 districts in the State have reported occurrence of JE. There has been a decline in reported cases and deaths during 2001 as compared to previous two years.

(d) The preventive and control measures taken are as under:—

- Vaccination of high risk population group.
- Vector control by indoor residual spray and anti-larval operations and fogging with Malathion.
- Early diagnosis and proper management of patients.
- Isolation of pigs from human population.
- Intensification of IEC activities.
- Training Workshops for PHC Medical Officers in endemic States.
- Supply of Health Education materials.
- Involvement of Municipal Department and Panchayat Raj Department to take up JE Control measures.